

Hon. Mr. HORNER: I sympathize with him, not in his fear of the C.C.F., but in his denunciation of their doctrine and what it means. But I wonder whether he would have made a speech of that kind during the by-election in South York.

Hon. Mr. FARRIS: I would not vote for the C.C.F. in South York or in any other riding.

Hon. Mr. HORNER: But what did we hear throughout the country from the other Chamber? Everything was done to prevent a man who, in my opinion, possesses the most brilliant mind that Canada has ever produced from assisting in the public life of this country.

Hon. Mr. HARDY: By whom was all this effort made?

Hon. Mr. HORNER: By the Liberal party—

Hon. Mr. HARDY: Not by the Liberal party.

Hon. Mr. HORNER: —and a long-winded man who sits in the other Chamber. Those are the men.

Hon. Mr. HARDY: I deny that absolutely.

Hon. Mr. HORNER: The record will prove it.

Hon. Mr. HARMER: What record?

Hon. Mr. HORNER: What took place in the other Chamber.

As to this Bill, I do not hesitate to say that once war is declared selective service is just and fair to all our people. As a father of boys coming to an age to be drafted, I do not want my wife to have to decide whether they shall enlist for overseas service. I want the Government to take the responsibility of saying when those boys should serve and where.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. HORNER: The honourable senator from Wellington made a great speech against the measure and then concluded by saying he was going to vote for it because it would be a vote of confidence in the Government. I hope he would not expect my vote to mean the same thing.

An Hon. SENATOR: It might.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Oh, oh.

Hon. Mr. HORNER: There is another aspect of this situation. In Saskatchewan we have no war industries, and it is illegal for anyone to hire a young man unless he produces his military exemption card. There we have had conscription for a year or more—economic conscription—and the men in the Army know it full well. As I say, we have

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no war industries. In every village in Western Canada you will find blacksmiths and acetylene welders who can handle any kind of welding machine, and I should have expected that a man capable of selecting these useful men would be chosen to travel around the country and direct them to places where shipbuilding and other war work is being carried on. But the Liberal party organizer you will meet any day in the week.

As to men conscripted not being equal to men who volunteer, I might quote what the Minister of Defence for Naval Affairs said in the other Chamber. He said he was only sorry that conscription did not seem to affect the fighting forces of our enemy soldiers—all of whom, of course, are conscripts. I believe that from the very start of the war we should have had conscription. It is the only just method of procuring men for the fighting forces.

Let me repeat, I refuse to sympathize with the honourable senator from Vancouver South (Hon. Mr. Farris) when he fears what inroads the C.C.F. may make into the political field.

Hon. NORMAN P. LAMBERT: Honourable senators, Bill 80 is before the Senate after a lengthy but most illuminating debate in the other House. I have no desire to prolong the discussion on the simple procedure of withdrawing clause 3 from the Mobilization Act. The fact is that the mandate from the people of Canada registered in the plebiscite requires the withdrawal of clause 3, and it should be withdrawn as quickly as possible. Incidentally I may say that I believe the vote taken on the plebiscite, regarded as a whole, was a demand on the Government to prosecute our part in this war to the limit of our ability in every respect.

While emphasizing that fact, I think it should be also said that there has been far too much labouring of the word "conscription," not only in Parliament, but outside as well. As one commentator has aptly expressed it, the word "conscription" has become an emotional symbol inhibiting thought. He might have added "and action too." On this point it is sufficient for me to say that whether conscription is used or some softer word or phrase, such as "compulsory selective service," the whole circumference of the Canadian war effort must be taken into account and not any one sector of that large circle. Undoubtedly at the present time there is need of tightening up our organization of man-power, so that we may all sense and feel more definitely the measure of our strength in the great task we have undertaken. Co-ordination, co-operation and balance throughout the whole field of our war effort must be embodied in any